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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 3

FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ON AGENDA FOR GATT COUNCIL MEETING NOW
SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 3:

1. EC-LEBANON WP REPORT. L/4131, ROUTING ADOPTION EXPECTED.

2. ADJUSTMENT OF ISRAEL'S TARIFF. GENEVA 299.

3. TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT REPORT. L/4132, 23 JANUARY IS
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HAS IN PAST EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS DEVIATION FROM

GATT ART. I (GENEVA 5645, 24 OCT. 1973); WASHINGTON MAY WISH CONSIDER DOING SO AGAIN WITH MINOR STATEMENT.

4. EC-TURKEY AGREEMENT. L/4126 AND SEE GENEVA 7625. ROUTINE NOTING OF REPORT ON PRESENT STATUS OF ASSOCIATION IS EXPECTED, UNLESS DEPT PERCEIVES STATEMENTS US MAY WISH MAKE.

5. EC-AFRICAN AND MALAGASY STATES ASSOCIATION. BIENNIAL REPORT ON ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS. L/4122, PAGE TWO, PARA (A) STATES "THE ASSOCIATED STATES, FOR THEIR PART, GRANT DUTY-FREE ADMISSION TO IMPORTS OF GOODS ORIGINATING IN THE EEC." SEE ALSO GENEVA 7290. ASSUME US WILL WISH DRAW ATTENTION TO OUR STAND ON REVERSE PREFERENCES OR MAKE OTHER COMMENTS IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN EC-ACP NEGOTIATIONS.

6. EC-EAST AFRICAN ASSOCIATION. BIENNIAL REPORT ON ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS. L/4121 MAKES SIMILAR REFERENCE TO REVERSE PREFERENCES; SUGGEST WE COMBINE OUR RESPONSE WITH THAT ON PRECEDING ITEM.

7. HUNGARY W.P. BIENNIAL REVIEW IS REQUIRED BY PROTOCOL OF HUNGARIAN ACCESSION; COUNCIL MUST SET UP WP. TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD BE SIMILAR TO POLAND WP. PROPOSED CHAIRMAN IS AMB. EASTERBROOK-SMITH OF NEW ZEALAND. RECOMMEND WE SUPPORT ROUTINE FORMATION OF WP AND SUGGESTED CHAIRMAN.

8. ROMANIA WP. THIS IS NOT RPT NOT SAME AS WP CURRENTLY MEETING (WHICH DEALS WITH ROMANIAN TARIFF) BUT RATHER IS BIENNIAL REVIEW SIMILAR TO HUNGARY ITEM ABOVE. RECOMMEND WE SUPPORT ROUTINE FORMATION OF WP AND PROPOSED CHAIRMAN BIER OF BRAZIL.

9. WORKING PARTIES ON FINLAND AGREEMENTS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, BULGARIA. THREE SEPARATE WORKING PARTIES WITH STANDARD TERMS OF REFERENCE TO BE SET UP. RECOMMEND WE SUPPORT WP'S AND AMB. EASTERBROOK-SMITH OF NEW ZEALAND AS CHAIRMAN OF ALL THREE. PER BLITMAN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPRUCE DISCUSSION IN GENEVA, ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE STATEMENT FOR US REP TO MAKE AT COUNCIL CONCERNING APPARENT GATT INCONSISTENCY THESE AGREEMENTS. NOTE: ALL THREE AGREEMENTS NOW BEING TRANSLATED BY GATT SECRETARIAT FOR LATER CIRCULATION.

10. BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS CONSULTATIONS. TURKEY, FINLAND, ISRAEL, PERU, CHILE MUST HAVE FULL BOP CON-

SULTATIONS IN 1975 AND EGYPT, INDIA, INDONESIA, PAKIS-
TAN, SRI LANKA MUST HAVE ABBREVIATED MINI-BOP REVIEWS.
COUNCIL TO APPROVE CONSULTATIONS; SCHEDULING TO FOLLOW
LATER.

1. NEW SALARY SCALES. D. G. LONG TO MAKE ROUTINE
REPORT TO COUNCIL THAT 6 PERCENT UN-SYSTEM SALARY INCREASE IS
IN EFFECT. THIS IS ALREADY PROVIDED FOR IN 1975 GATT
BUDGET.

12. ICELAND-FRG DISPUTE. ICELAND PLANS TO RAISE
UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS" REFUSAL OF LOCAL WEST GERMAN
PORT AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW UNLOADING OF ICELAND TRAWLERS.
UNDERSTAND ICELAND FEELS THIS BEING DONE WITH BLESSING
OF FEDERAL AUTHORITIES IN BONN AND PLANS CLAIM ICELAND'S
GATT RIGHTS BEING IMPAIRED. WE UNDERSTAND DISPUTE ORIGIN-
ATED WITH ICELAND SEIZURE OF FRG TRAWLER AND THAT FRG
PLANS RESPOND THAT DISPUTE IS BEYOND COMPETENCE OF GATT.
REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS. ABRAMS

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